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LOK SABHA

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MINING OF DIAMONDS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the diamond mines in the country at present;

(b) whether new diamond mines have been explored in the country especially in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): As per the information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines, the Majhagawan diamond mine owned by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in the Panna district of Madhya Pradesh is the only diamond mine in the country.

(b) & (c): The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has reported that they have undertaken investigation for Kimberlite/Lamproite, the source rock for diamond, in Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.In Orissa, GSI has recently located two lamproite dykes in Sakri area, Bargarh District and also in Dumarpur and Masankura reserve forest area, Nuapara District.